

SENATE BILL No. 370

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 27-8.

Synopsis: Coverage for pharmacist care. Requires an accident and sickness insurer that enters into a preferred provider agreement to: (1) reimburse for health care service provided by a pharmacist within the scope of practice to the same extent and in the same manner as the insurer would reimburse certain other health care providers; and (2) demonstrate an adequate number of pharmacists within a reasonable proximity of insureds.

Effective: July 1, 2016.

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January 11, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Provider Services.



Second Regular Session 119th General Assembly (2016)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 27-8-6-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2016]: **Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section, "policy of accident and**
4 **sickness insurance" has the meaning set forth in IC 27-8-5-1.**

5 **(b) An insurer that issues a policy of accident and sickness**
6 **insurance shall reimburse for a health care service:**

7 **(1) that is:**

8 **(A) covered under the policy of accident and sickness**
9 **insurance; and**

10 **(B) rendered by a pharmacist:**

11 **(i) within the scope of the pharmacist's license under**
12 **IC 25-26; and**

13 **(ii) under an agreement with the insurer under**
14 **IC 27-8-11-3; and**

15 **(2) to the same extent and in the same manner as the insurer**
16 **would reimburse for the health care service rendered:**

17 **(A) by a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5, an advanced**



1 practice nurse licensed under IC 25-23, or a physician
 2 assistant licensed under IC 25-27.5 within the scope of the
 3 physician's, advanced practice nurse's, or physician
 4 assistant's license; and

5 (B) under an agreement with the insurer under
 6 IC 27-8-11-3.

7 SECTION 2. IC 27-8-11-3.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 8 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 9 1, 2016]: **Sec. 3.2. (a) This section applies to an insurer that:**

10 (1) provides coverage for pharmaceutical services or
 11 products; and

12 (2) enters into agreements with providers as described in
 13 section 3 of this chapter.

14 (b) An insurer described in subsection (a) shall demonstrate to
 15 the department of insurance that the insurer offers an adequate
 16 number of individual pharmacists:

17 (1) whose health care services are covered by an agreement
 18 described in subsection (a); and

19 (2) who are located within a reasonable proximity of insureds
 20 covered by policies issued by the insurer.

